**REDISTRICTING REFORM:** Pennsylvania’s Constitutional Amendment Process

[Deadlines in red indicate when events must happen to have an independent commission in place for the 2020 redistricting cycle.]

1. **BILL DRAFTED** A House or Senate member conceives a proposal and asks the Legislative Reference Bureau to draft a piece of legislation.

2. **CO-SPONSORS SOUGHT** Legislator introduces the bill in the House or Senate, initially demonstrating support with as many co-sponsors as possible.

3. **INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE OR SENATE** House or Senate leadership refers the bill to the State Government Committee.

4. **REFERRER TO COMMITTEE**

5. **SCHEDULED FOR ACTION** Committee chair schedules the bill for action, which might include holding HEARINGS or considering AMENDMENTS.

6. **VOTED OUT OF COMMITTEE & SENT TO FLOOR** If it wins approval from a committee majority, the bill goes to the House or Senate floor, where it faces potential AMENDMENTS and ultimately an up-or-down vote.

7. **FINAL VOTE TAKEN**

8. **SENT TO SENATE OR HOUSE** Bill goes to the other legislative chamber.

9. **REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

10. **SCHEDULED FOR ACTION** Committee chair schedules the bill for action, which might include holding HEARINGS or considering AMENDMENTS.

11. **VOTED OUT OF COMMITTEE & SENT TO FLOOR** The bill wins approval in committee and moves to the floor, where it faces more potential AMENDMENTS and another final vote.

12. **FINAL VOTE TAKEN**

13. **BILL PASSED IN HOUSE & SENATE** If the House or Senate added amendments and the two chambers can’t agree on wording, it goes to CONFERENCE COMMITTEE for reconciliation. Both chambers then have to pass the conference report. **(Deadline: Early July 2018)**

14. **PROPOSED AMENDMENT ADVERTISED** Department of State advertises to alert the public that the legislature has taken a preliminary vote to change the state constitution.

15. **CONGRATULATIONS! THE BILL PASSED IN THE 2017-18 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.** Now do the same thing again in the 2019-20 session.


17. **REFERENDUM SCHEDULED** The proposed constitutional change must face an up-or-down vote by the public, providing time for an independent commission to be created and go to work with data from the 2020 Census.

18. **PUBLIC VOTES** **(Deadline: November 2020)**

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